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Environmental Accountability Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION'S (EAD) MISSION:

- to provide all necessary legal support for Region 4 operations. This support includes prosecuting enforcement actions, providing counsel and assistance in the implementation of environmental programs, and providing counsel and assistance in support of regional management and operations, including grants, contracts, and general law.
- to oversee the strategic planning and implementation of the region's enforcement and compliance assurance program. The primary enforcement planning document is the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). EAD is charged with developing this document, in conjunction with the region's program divisions, and is responsible for monitoring its implementation by the program divisions. It is EAD's responsibility to ensure that the region's enforcement and compliance assurance program appropriately reflects the Agency's emphasis on multimedia approaches, including sector based and community based approaches.
- to prepare and review National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, as well as for special environmental studies and reviews. EAD is also responsible for all federal facility and tribal liaison activities.
- to serve as the region's champion of environmental justice. In conjunction with a cross-divisional environmental justice team, EAD is responsible for developing and implementing the region's environmental justice strategy.

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*For further information about the Environmental Accountability Division visit us on our Web Site at:

http://www.epa.gov/region4/ead

OFFICE OF LEGAL SUPPORT

The Office of Legal Support (OLS) provides legal services to the staff and management of EPA Region 4 and includes attorneys, paralegals and support staff. The primary responsibilities of OLS are to enforce federal environmental laws, and to provide legal counseling to the region's various offices and programs. There are six offices within OLS. Each of these offices is responsible for one or more of the laws that EPA administers, as described below. In addition, a small group of attorneys works exclusively on criminal prosecutions under the federal environmental laws.

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Office of RCRA/OPA/UST/Federal Facilities Legal Support

The Office of RCRA/OPA/UST/Federal Facilities Legal Support provides counseling and enforcement for all Region 4 activities taken pursuant to the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA), the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), and the Underground Storage Tank (UST) program and their implementing regulations. RCRA primarily governs companies and facilities that actively handle hazardous materials during their business operations. OPA governs the unpermitted discharge of oil or hazardous substances into waters of the United States. The UST program governs facilities that have or had USTs, with the intent to protect groundwater from leaking USTs. The group also is responsible for counseling the Regional program that handles environmental issues at federally owned facilities, such as military bases, and for activity under the Base Realignment and Closure Act. Attorneys in this office work on administrative and judicial penalty actions and also provide counseling on permitting and facility siting issues.

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Office of Water Legal Support

The Office of Water Legal Support provides counseling and enforcement for all Region 4 activities involving the waters of the eight southern regional states. Areas of responsibility of the office include the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the laws covering wetlands protection and underground injection control. Attorneys in this office work on administrative and judicial enforcement against violators of the laws and counsel on permitting, state programs and other issues.

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Office of Air/Toxics/General Law

The Office of Air/Toxics/General Law provides regional counseling and enforcement for activities involving clean air issues, the manufacturing and registration of toxic chemicals, the release of reportable quantities of hazardous substances, and the labeling, manufacture and use of pesticides. The office provides legal support for the enforcement of the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. Attorneys in this office work on administrative and judicial enforcement penalty actions against violators of the laws and also provide counseling on permitting and other issues. This office also houses attorneys that specialize in general law issues such as personnel law, grants and contracts management.

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Offices of CERCLA Legal Support

The Offices of CERCLA Legal Support provide counseling and enforcement for all Region 4 activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). This statute and its amendments and regulations are more commonly known as the Superfund law. The law essentially provides for the cleanup of abandoned hazardous waste sites by parties that caused or profited from the site's creation. Attorneys in these offices investigate how sites came to be created and negotiate and litigate with responsible parties to undertake any necessary cleanup or to pay back the cost to taxpayers if EPA cleans up a site. The three CERCLA offices are divided by their affiliation with EAD's three regulatory offices: Air, Water and RCRA.

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Office of Criminal Enforcement

The Office of Criminal Enforcement enforces the criminal law provisions of all the major federal environmental laws. Attorneys in this office investigate environmental crimes and work with the appropriate United States Attorneys Office to prosecute environmental crimes.

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OFFICE OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The Office of Technical Support provides technical support for the Environmental Accountability Division's mission of planning, targeting, and coordinating Region 4's enforcement and compliance assistance activities. It is managed by the Associate Division Director, who reports to the Environmental Accountability Division Director. It is composed of the Accountability Management Branch and the Office of Environmental Assessment.

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Office of Environmental Assessment

The Office of Environmental Assessment coordinates and integrates the development and implementation of environmental assessment programs for which the office is responsible, particularly the programs required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The office is responsible for conducting the environmental review and analysis required by NEPA and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, and for ensuring facility or project compliance with these provisions. The office develops, conducts, and supports special environmental studies as necessary to support office responsibilities; provides necessary support and participation in the region's community and geographic-based initiatives and projects; provides the expertise required by the office and division on risk assessment, risk management and toxicology; and develops plans and programs for integrating pollution prevention into enforcement and compliance assistance activities.

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Accountability Management Branch

The Accountability Management Branch coordinates and integrates the enforcement and compliance assurance activities of Region 4. This branch develops targeting strategies and establishes enforcement and compliance assistance priorities. The branch establishes and implements standing teams to: (1) develop and maintain the expertise essential to the coordination and implementation of the division's Federal Facilities and Indian Affairs responsibilities; (2) conduct the accountability planning and analysis required by the division; and (3) identify and effectively address the media-specific issues that impact the regional office's enforcement and compliance assistance activities and those of our state and local partners. The branch also identifies the needs for ad hoc and/or cross-program teams to handle individual cases, initiatives and/or other matters and to develop and maintain expertise in particular areas.

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Enforcement and Compliance Planning and Analysis Section

The Enforcement and Compliance Planning and Analysis Section is responsible for ensuring effective accountability of enforcement and compliance assistance programs. The section staff includes media specific experts who provide the media expertise for performing the planning and targeting of compliance assistance and enforcement activities for which the Section is responsible, track major initiatives/cases in assigned program areas, and coordinate the Region 4 media compliance assistance and enforcement activities with the other divisions and offices within the region.

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Environmental Justice and Community Liaison Staff Office

The mission of the Environmental Justice Program is to raise awareness of environmental justice issues; identify, assess, address and respond to inequitable environmental impacts; focus resources on areas shouldering a disproportionate share of environmental harm; and communicate to the public about opportunities to get involved in environmental decision making.

Environmental justice is fair environmental protection and treatment of all races, incomes and cultures with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies. Fair protection and treatment implies that no person or group of people should experience a disproportionate share of the negative environmental impacts in their community as a result of the execution of environmental programs.

Environmental justice is an integral part of Region 4's mission. Region 4, the states, Indian Tribes and affected communities work together to ensure equitable environmental and public health protection through effective implementation of policies and procedures. The Environmental Justice Program serves as a catalyst for the incorporation of Environmental Justice considerations into EPA programs, policies and activities through training, programmatic guidance and consultation.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Freedom of Information Act: The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides public access to certain Federal government records. FOIA only applies to the Executive Branch of the federal government and includes information stored in computers as well as paper files. It does not apply to Congress, the courts, local governments or private organizations.

There are three ways to obtain EPA documents via FOIA. First, you can inspect or obtain copies of EPA documents through public reading facilities located in the Agency's Headquarters and regional offices. Second, you can electronically access information via the Agency's web site at http://www.epa.gov/. Third, if the documents you require are not available in Agency reading rooms or through the Agency's web site, you can submit a written request for documents to the Agency's Headquarters office or to the appropriate regional office. (Copying charges may apply based on volume.) FOIA requires the government to respond to written requests for information within twenty (20) working days after receipt of the request.

Written requests for documents maintained at U.S. EPA Headquarters should be submitted to:

U.S. EPA FOI Officer 401 M Street, S.W. (1105) Washington, D.C. 20460

Written requests for documents maintained at U.S. EPA Region 4 should be submitted to:

U.S. EPA, Region 4 Region 4 FOI Officer 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

To assist EPA in the processing of your request, include your name, address, and phone number. Please try to be as specific as possible in identifying the records sought in order to permit their identification and location.

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Regional Judicial Officer

Regional Judicial Officer (RJO): The RJO, acting on behalf of the Regional Administrator, rules on pre-answer motions and issues consent and default orders under EPA's administrative practice rules (40 CFR Part 22) for cases governed by the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) brought under a variety of environmental statutes. The RJO also adjudicates EPA administrative cases under 40 CFR Part 22 Subpart I, for cases not governed by the APA. These cases involve the administrative assessment of civil penalties under the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. In addition, the RJO serves as the agency neutral for alternative dispute resolution, CERCLA Lien Proceedings and Off-Site

Determinations.

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Regional Hearing Clerk

The Region 4 Hearing Clerk is responsible for the appropriate filing of all documents for all administrative proceedings conducted under the Consolidated Rules of Practice. Correspondence may be addressed to:

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Employment Opportunities: The only position within EAD for which there is a continuous, open application process is that of General Attorney.* Individuals interested in applying for staff, administrative and clerical positions in EAD, or anywhere else in EPA Region 4, should contact the Region 4 Human Resources Branch.

* Please note that while we maintain an open application process for General Attorney positions, it is not necessarily the case that we are actively recruiting at any given time, or that we have available positions at any given time.

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Legal Internships: Positions in the Student Career Experience Program, clinical externships and summer legal clerk positions are available in the Office of Legal Support. Student interns typically conduct legal research and write legal memoranda to support enforcement cases.

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